Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) A copolymer comprising units derived from ethylene and 1-heptene wherein the peak force at break per millimeter of film thickness P of a blown film made of the copolymer satisfies the following relationship:

$$P > 1.9 C - 127$$
 (1)

wherein P is expressed in N/mm and determined on a 50 micrometer thick blown film according to ASTM-D5748-95; and

C is given by the relationship C = D(1-CFW), wherein D is the density of the copolymer measured in kg/m³ according to ASTM-D-792 and CFW is the weight fraction of the copolymer having a crystallization point of 75°C or higher as determined using crystallization analysis fractionation, and C is greater than or equal to 550.

2. (original) The copolymer of claim 1 wherein P satisfies the following relationship:

$$P > 2.7 \text{ C} -563$$
 (1a)

wherein P and C have the same meanings as in formula 1 in claim 1.

3. (currently amended) The copolymer of elaims claim 1 wherein P satisfies the following relationships:

$$P > 3.4 C - 944$$
 (1b)

wherein P and C have the same meanings as in formula 1 in claim 1.

- 4. (original) A copolymer according to any of the claims 1-3 wherein the density D is from 890 to 935 kg/m³ and the melt index as measured according to ASTM-D-1238 Procedure A, Condition E at 190 °C/2.16 kg is from 0.3 to 25 g/10 min.
- 5. (original) A copolymer according to claim 4 wherein the density D is from 895 to 930 kg/m³.

- 6. (original) A copolymer according to claim 5 wherein the density D is from 901 to 928 kg/m³.
- 7. (original) A copolymer according to any of the claims 4-6 wherein the melt index is from 0.5 to 10 g/10 min.
- 8. (currently amended) A copolymer according to any of the claims 1–7 1-3 wherein the fraction CFW is from 0 to 0.5.
- 9. (currently amended) A composition comprising a copolymer of any of the claims 1–8–1-3.
- 10. (currently amended) An article prepared from or containing a copolymer of any of the claims 1-8 1-3 or a composition of claim 9.
- 11. (original) An article of claim 10 which is a film.
- 12. (currently amended) An article of claim 11 which is a packaging film.

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